GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4324
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Menstrual Hygiene for Adolescent Girls Scheme
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of States and districts covered under the promotion of Menstrual Hygiene for Adolescent Girls Scheme in the last three years and the current year;

(b) the funds allocated by the Government for the scheme and the actual expenditure incurred in the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has a mechanism to assess the trend in adoption levels of sanitary napkins in rural areas under the scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the CAG has reported irregularities in the distribution of sanitary napkins in the country including Gujarat and Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is planning to tackle the issues of poor quality, under-utilisation and low adoption rates of sanitary napkins in rural areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the Government's response on imposition of GST on sanitary napkins?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): Under National Health Mission, 12 States implemented the Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene in 2014-15, 15 States implemented in 2015-16 and 17 States implemented in 2016-17 and these States are implementing the scheme during 2017-18 as well.

Details of funds allocated to States/UTs and expenditure incurred for the last three years are annexed.

(c): As per District Level Health Survey conducted in 2007-08, 24.6 % of adolescent girls had access to sanitary napkins.

(d): As per CAG Report of 2015 (for a period of 2011-12 to 2013-14) 73% of sanitary napkins supplied by Government of India were lying unutilised in Gujarat and sanitary napkins were not distributed in Chhattisgarh.

(e) & (f): The scheme has now been decentralised to the States and UTs and funds are provided to States/ UTs under National Health Mission for this scheme based on proposals received from the States/UTS in their respective Programme Implementation Plans. As part of this scheme funds are also given for capacity building of health workers and Information Education and Communication to promote menstrual hygiene.

Government has prescribed a concessional rate of 12% on sanitary napkins on the recommendation of GST Council.